

24 March 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FE/Admin

SUBJECT : Status of [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

1. In 1953, this office was assigned the responsibility for monitoring the construction and logistics support of [REDACTED] for the FE Division. A member of this staff, Mr. [REDACTED], was assigned to determine all known facts on the project and to maintain a complete file on the project and its progress. This assignment has been carried out, to date.

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2. The recently established Logistics Base Task Force is in process of trying to establish a series of questions to determine the status of [REDACTED]. In the past two weeks, several representatives of the Office of Logistics have visited this office with groups of various questions on [REDACTED] relating not only to construction, but also to future mission, T/O, operations, etc.

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3. In addition, Mr. [REDACTED] has been in conference with members of the Real Estate and Construction Division of the Office of Logistics in an endeavor to determine various items of construction and equipment which have been completely overlooked in the planning of the project up to this time.

4. These factors and developments point out the vital need for certain decisions to be made.

- a. Adequate delineation of responsibility for planning, coordinating and consolidation of information.
- b. Development of operational plans and data, which will give a complete clear picture of plans, progress and final results.

5. Delineation of Responsibility

- a. The present assignment of this office for monitoring the construction aspects of the project falls short of the authority necessary to accomplish the task of resolving the inconsistencies. (See Tab A.)

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- b. To resolve the additional inconsistencies which will normally appear will require considerable more activity and authority than the "monitoring."
- c. Definite responsibility and authority for all phases of planning should be assigned immediately elsewhere than the FE/Logistics Office to have final results accomplished.

6. Development of Operational Data.

- a. Specific data covering the operational plans of the project, should be established and coordinated in order that a clear perspective may be had, and that the Logistics Base Task Force may receive required data. (See Tab B).

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